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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. KAWATA et al (see attached)

For:
A LOAD SHARING APPARATUS AND A
LOAD ESTIMATION METHOD

Enclosed are:



12 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-280118
filed September 11, 2000. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
 discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract , Description 20 pages; and 10 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

For:	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	10 -20 = * 0	
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Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 355
x 9	\$
x 40	\$
+ 135	\$
Total	\$

Large Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 710
x 18	\$ 0
x 80	\$ 160
+ 270	\$ 0
Total	\$ 870

A check in the amount of \$ 870.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

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